

Hello Beach Bums!

Sign-ups for seats on our January trip to The Asian Lantern Festival at The Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens are now open. This is a night time walking event. We will stop for early dinner in Sanford, FL. before heading to the Festival. Price does not include dinner, you will be on your own. You can drop off your registration form and check at our Party on December 5th at 5:30 at Savannah Center, or mail to the trip leader noted below. Make your checks payable to: Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC). Club information, forms, and policies can be found at our web site:
<https://northernbeachbums.org/>

When you fill out your registration form, and want to be matched on a bus with others, please only place the names of your friends in the required section if:

- A) You know they are coming
- B) They list your name on their form. Please help us out not searching for “ghosts”.

TRIP INFORMATION:

Asian Lantern Festival, Sanford Fl

Trip Leaders: Cathy/Bob Snyder, Kathy Eastman

When: Thursday January 11, 2024

Where: Asian Lantern Festival, Central Fla Zoo/Botanical Gardens

Bus boarding: 1:15 pm at Lowe’s Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

Arrival: Approximately 2:45pm

Re-board bus for Festival: 5:30 pm

Re-board Bus to TV: 7:30 arrive home approximately 9:00 pm

Price: \$44.00 per person (includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, parking, and admission to the Lantern Festival). Price DOES NOT include dinner in Sanford, FL. You will be on your own to choose a venue.

All NBBC trips are Non-refundable

Payment and Trip Registration form must be received by December 9th 2023 . Please make checks payable to Northern Beach Bums Club (NBBC). Mail with a trip Registration Form.

Mail to:

Cathy Snyder

1007 Vermont Ave

Lady Lake Fla,32159

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by January 1st, 2024. If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be put on the wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or a bus partner, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together. All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. If you want to request seats with other members please read the trip registrations form.

Trip Description:

We will be stopping in Historic Downtown Sanford for dining and/or shopping before going to the Gardens for the Asian Lantern Festival. It is a quaint town with lots of history which can be learned by

a visit to the City Museum. There are some shops and dining options for everyone. It is considered the craft beer capital of Central Florida with several craft beer options. For dining we suggest Hollerbach's German Restaurant, The Breezeway, The Station Bar and Grill (The Station Bar and Grill is at the site of the first Firehouse) and Sandford Brewing Company.

After visiting downtown Sanford, FL we will reboard the buses at 5:30pm for a short ride to the festival at the Zoo. The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens will transform at night into the Asian Lantern Festival: Into the Wild! Experience the Zoo like you've never seen it before! See dozens of all-new, hand-constructed lantern displays illuminated by thousands of LED lights around the Zoo on a 3/4 mile path. Celebrate the art, beauty and wonder of traditional Asian lantern festivals. Also there will be crafts, music and food and beverages will be available for purchase. If have attended the festival in the past you will be thrilled to know they change the displays every year and you will see a different display from prior events.

This event involves walking in the dark. It is along a boardwalk that could be narrow in some places. Wear good walking shoes. It will take 1-1/2 hours to take in all the lanterns. Also there may be cold weather so please dress accordingly and bring an umbrella if showers are present that day,

The Zoo/Botanical Garden's is about a 5 minute ride from downtown Sanford.

Please refer to <https://www.historicdowntownsanford.com/visitors-guide/> for Visitors Guide with the options that may interest you. You may also view the map of downtown Sanford on this same site.

Amenities: Restrooms, food and drink available for purchase at the festival. Also public restrooms in the tourist information center

Masks are optional. No vaccination required but is highly recommended. Water, coffee, soda, (with a lid) and snacks are permitted on the bus. No ice cream or popcorn is permitted.

Info Links:

www.centralfloridazoo.org/lanterns/

www.historicdowntownsanford.com

<https://Sanfordfl.gov>

Restaurant Link:

www.hollerbachs.com

www.thestationbarandgrub.com

www.thebreezewayrestaurantandbarfl.com

www.sanfordbrewing.com

Upcoming Trip Schedule

Thursday, January 11th – Asian Lantern Festival, Sanford, FL
Monday, February 12th - Anastasia St. Park & St. Augustine
Tuesday, March 12th – Johns Pass, Madeira Beach, FL
Wednesday, April 17th – Lido Key & St. Armand Circle, Sarasota, FL
Wednesday, May 15th – Cocoa Beach, FL

NBBC Policies: We would like to remind members that NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Please no glass, and cups need to have lids. A movie will be presented only on the return ride. We suggest members who are not interested in watching should bring their own noise cancelling headphones/earbuds. If you plan to watch your own personal device (ie: phone, ipad, laptop) you must have headphones/earbuds to use with it.

Liability: The Northern Beach Bums Club, its Executive Committee members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever in the operation or management of NBBC or its road trips. All members are required to sign the NBBC Recreation Release Agreement for participation for a day trip. All trips are inherently dangerous and members participate at their own risk.

See you at the Festival!

Bob & Cathy Snyder, Kathy Eastman